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## Local soldiers depart for Iraq

By Michael Baker  
FIRELANDS REPORTER

Morale was high as soldiers from the C-Company 612th Engineer Battalion, based out of Norwalk, Ohio, attended their formal public send-off last night. The ceremony took place at Norwalk High School, and was open to the public.

Local participation exceeded expectations and many people were left without places to sit. The facility was filled to maximum capacity 30 minutes prior to the beginning of the event which started at 7 p.m.

"It's ironic that the ceremony is being held on Veteran's Day -- it gives the ceremony a stronger meaning, these young soldiers have such dedication, it's

because of them that we have our freedoms," said Major Gaia.

Bob Duncan, Principal of Norwalk High School was approached with the opportunity to host the formal send off; he was delighted to host the event.

"It's an honor to host such an important ceremony, it's a human thing to do," Duncan said.

Duncan was full of emotion, smiling and teary eyed at times. He tried to hold back some of his emotions as he talked. Six of Duncan's former classmates are in the C-Company and are departing for Iraq.

Families of the soldiers tied ribbons around trees and placed flags surrounding the high school in preparation for the patriotic event. Families were also briefed

Wednesday on what their Moms, Dads, Brothers and Sisters would be experiencing during their tour in Iraq. They were able to ask questions and receive some comfort. Gaia spoke with families and provided them with comfort on Wednesday from 8 a.m. to p.m.

First Sergeant Howard Smith indicated that the C-Company received its notice for departure in September. Soldiers will spend the rest of the week until Saturday with their families and friends before departing to Kuwait and then arriving in Iraq.

"Morale is high, our soldiers are prepared and willing to go," Smith said. "We're here to support our country and love to do the job we do -- I just want to bring everyone home safe, this is

the most important thing to me," Smith said. Smith's daughter is a student at Norwalk High School.

Debbie and Tom McIntire, whose son is departing for Iraq are extremely proud of their son and the country. Private Jason McIntire was attending Akron University before being called to active duty, he's pursuing a degree in engineering.

"I just wish this was all over, I'm really worried, I wish they'd all just come home," Debbie McIntire said. The McIntires have two sons that are also in the National Guard but have not been called to duty.

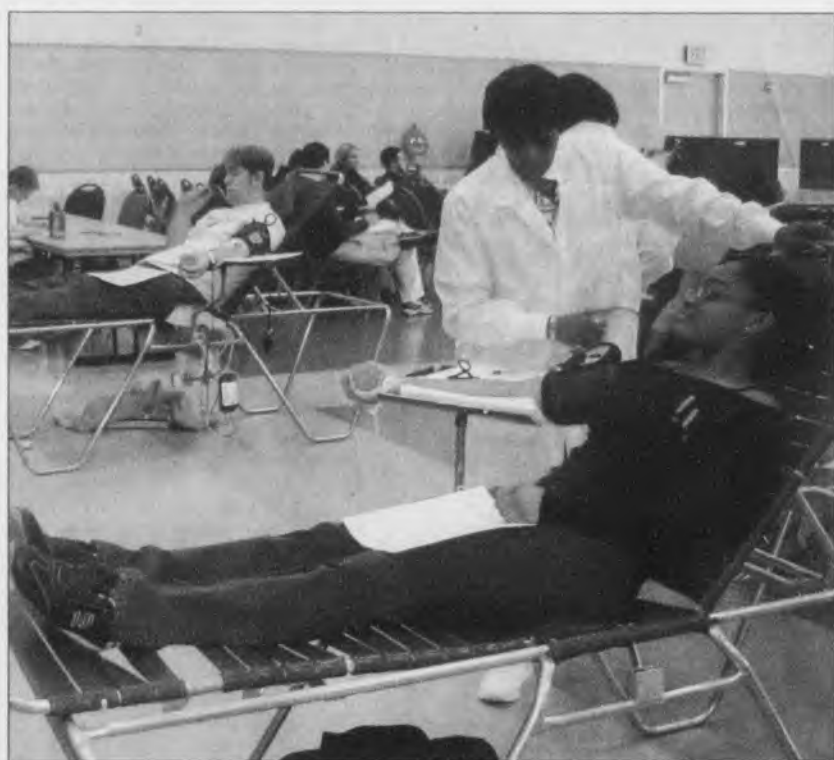
Specialist Hufford lead the troops into the ceremony car-

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Michael Baker BG News  
**TROOPS SHIPPED OUT:** Specialist Danne Miller, Specialist Sutter, Specialist Leitz, Private Wurm prepare for their departure last night

## BLOOD BOWL



Ben Swanger BG News

**GIVING BLOOD:** Jessica Brook is shown above giving blood in the Union at the 2004 Blood Bowl. This is the third year that Bowling Green will face The University of Toledo in the Bowl.

## Play tackles abortion

By Zach Herman  
SENIOR REPORTER

A conservative county in red-state Ohio hardly seems the most receptive venue for a church-hosted documentary play supporting abortion rights.

That hasn't stopped the University's Theatre Department. This weekend, the troupe twice will perform "Jane: Abortion and the Underground" at the Maumee Valley Unitarian Universalist Congregation (MVUUC) on North Dixie Highway in Bowling Green.

Based on actual events, the play chronicles the short life of "Jane," an underground collective of women who provided abortions in pre-Roe v. Wade Chicago.

Jane began unofficially in 1965 at the University of Chicago, when student activist named Heather Booth became a liaison between abortionists and young women who sought the illegal procedure. Word spread quickly about Booth's networking skills, and the student, then pregnant and pursuing a Master's degree, became overwhelmed by demand for her services. In response, Booth assembled a team of like-minded women to share the workload, and

*"Unitarian Universalists believe it is the right of every woman to answer to her own decision whether to have an abortion or not."*

**SARA CHAMBERS**  
CO-DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Jane was born.

Utilizing a complex system of secret locations and anonymous operatives, the women of Jane coordinated more than 11,000 abortions during their four-year official run, from 1969 through 1973. The dangers associated with performing the procedure limited the pool of abortionists, meaning the group used a single doctor almost exclusively. That physician was later revealed as a fraud, but Jane continued to use him because he had learned the procedure from a legitimate practitioner. Eventually members of Jane took over the abortions themselves after instruction from the doctor.

Playwright Paula Kamen  
**ABORTION, PAGE 2**

## UT Expert researches prostitutes

By Allison Halco  
REPORTER

"Pretty Woman" it's not. The reality of street-level prostitution is a far cry from what many of us are exposed to in the movies and television, with prostitutes facing the threats of violence, sexually transmitted diseases and drug addiction every day.

Tomorrow, Dr. Celia Williamson will be on campus to explore these realities in a public lecture titled "Street Level Prostitution in Toledo: A Typology of Women."

Williamson, an assistant professor of social work at the University of Toledo, has done extensive research on prostitutes. In addition to interviewing and studying prostitutes and running a program to help women leave prostitution, she headed the first National Conference on Prostitution, Sex Work and The Commercial Sex Industry in September.

Having Williamson present at the University was an easy decision to make, said Mary Krueger, director of the Women's Center. The Women's Center is sponsoring the lecture along with the Bowling Green Chapter of the American Association of University Women.

"The Women's Center is very familiar with Dr. Williamson's work," Krueger said. "We have a lot of respect for her."

In addition to speaking about the lives of prostitutes, Williamson will examine community perceptions of prostitutes.

"I hope it encourages people to reexamine their preconceived ideas about prostitution and about prostitutes," Krueger said. "The way people think about prostitution affects the women who are involved in prostitution."

Krueger said Williamson's hands-on experience working with women who are prostitutes makes her research unique.

"This is very groundbreaking research," Krueger said. "She's out there seeing what prostitution is really like."

"Street Level Prostitution in Toledo: A Typology of Women" will take place tomorrow at 10 a.m. in room 210A of the Bowen-Thompson Student Union. The event is free and open to the public.

## Animals used by therapist to help heal disabled patients locally

By Nicole Delisio  
CITY NEWS EDITOR

Debra DeHoff is a therapist, but she has no doctor's uniform and no stress management tools for her clients.

Instead, Dehoff dresses in casual clothes, works right out of her home, and uses animals, mainly horses, and several volunteers to help emotionally and physically challenged clients.

An Equine Sports Therapist, Dehoff is the director of Serenity Farm, located at 21870 Lemoyne Avenue in Luckey. It is a nationally recognized organization that gives disabled clients therapy through affection and respect from animals. Dehoff, a life-long animal lover and former counselor to at-risk-youths, went public with Serenity Farm in August of 2001 after friends and family prodded her to start such an organization for years.

"My husband said for many

years this is what I should've been doing my whole life," Dehoff said. "I was asked many years ago to start something in Pennsylvania, and I just didn't think it was time. Then one gentleman who was cognitively and physically disabled came up to me and said, 'I would love to ride one of your horses.'"

Dehoff decided at that point to go ahead with Serenity Farm.

Although she had done similar work before, Serenity Farm is the first experience she has had doing equine-assisted-therapy in one program.

EAT, as it is known, is the use of horses as a tool to help troubled individuals.

She now offers three different programs through the organization. Lucky Riders runs April-November by appointment only and assists individuals with mental or emotional disabilities. About 20 people currently volun-

teer with Lucky Riders.

Changing Directions runs year-round and provides counseling for at-risk youths and abuse victims. This is a counseling and team building program so there are no volunteers.

Pet Paws also runs year-round and allows people to spend time with small, trained animals. Dehoff says there are about six or seven Pet Paws volunteers, and probably 20 people volunteer for fundraising and administrative at Serenity Farm.

In order to successfully run these programs, Dehoff screens trained counselors and volunteers to help with clients. Susan Robinson is a retired teacher who works as the Pet Paws coordinator. She said the feeling of watching clients with the animals is indescribable.

**FARM, PAGE 2**



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**PUPPY LOVE:** A golden retriever comforts a Serenity Farm patient.

### FOUR-DAY FORECAST

The four-day forecast is taken from weather.com

#### SATURDAY



Sunny High: 46° Low: 22°

#### SUNDAY



Mostly Sunny High: 45° Low: 22°

#### MONDAY



Partly Cloudy High: 50° Low: 30°

#### TUESDAY



Few Showers High: 53° Low: 34°

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# Animal interaction is prescribed treatment at Serenity

FARM, FROM PAGE 1

"They ride these horses with these big smiles on their faces," Robinson said. "The parents, and even the volunteers, they get very, very teary-eyed."

This happiness showed at a recent Pet Paws visit to a classroom of eight students at Lemoyne Elementary School. The students got excited upon the arrival of two dogs and a cat. They brushed the animals' fur and, among other things, gave them treats for about 30 minutes before saying good-bye.

Along with schools, Pet Paws also visits Christian ministries such as Luther Home of Mercy. According to Pet Paws volunteer Ann Heilman, visits there are special because the pets remind residents of their old pets.

"They remember their old pets, and they get these pets, and it's almost like they want to take

them," Heilman said.

Robinson echoed this statement, and said she believe clients seem thankful for what the volunteers do.

"It's like you're giving someone this big present, and all you're really giving them is a little bit of yourself and your animal," she said.

Although the three programs benefit many people, not all clients find them useful. Robinson said they have discontinued clients because they felt they were not meeting the individual's needs. She also mentioned that participants in Pet Paws are some times afraid of the animals.

Some times they will have autistic children who leave the room when the animals arrive.

"But then we find the following time, when we come back they feel more comfortable," Heilman said.

Owners of each animal in Pet Paws goes through an appoint-

ment process first to verify the animal's behavior is adequate for helping clients. Horses for all programs are screened ahead of time to make sure they will not step on people.

With all the different programs, none of DeHoff's days are the same. The only constant routine for her every day is doing barn work with her volunteers before preparing the horses for clients, who range in age from 3 to 56.

The diverse clients have given Serenity Farm employees interesting experiences over the years. One client, a 4-year-old girl with Cerebral Palsy named Kamryn, was unable to walk before going to Serenity Farm.

DeHoff has a scrapbook picture of Kamryn smiling while sitting atop a horse. "She couldn't walk," Robinson said smiling.

"Now she can."

Although some people may wonder how horses can counsel individuals, DeHoff believes they can do it just as well as humans. She explained that horses live for the present, and that some times people may be unwilling to trust humans.

"Horses don't lie. Horses live in the now," DeHoff said. "They don't have to weed

through like we do. Horses in this type of counseling have been able to unlock the emotions that have been locked up. It was people who hurt this client, and the client can't trust people."

*"My husband said for many years that is what I should've been doing my whole life."*

DEBRA DEHOFF  
DIRECTOR OF  
SERENITY FARM



Photo Provided BG News

**COMFORTING:** Two kitty-cats enjoy their role in the Pet Paws program, sitting in the lap of a patient and bringing enjoyment to their day.

## 'Jane' is based on actual events

ABORTION, FROM PAGE 1

says younger women do not realize the risks faced by women seeking illegal abortions. "Women of my generation have no idea," Kamen told the Chicago Tribune in 1999. "Before Jane, it was just shocking what people had to go through. Abortions were unsafe, they cost thousands of dollars, and many abortionists had mob ties." Conversely, Jane never lost a patient.

The play is sponsored locally by Planned Parenthood of Northwest Ohio, and all proceeds from ticket sales will benefit that organization.

"Unitarian Universalists believe it is the right of every

woman to answer to her own conscience and make her own decision whether to have an abortion or not," says Sara Chambers, co-director of religious education for the group. "[We] do not promote abortion but only the right to choose it."

The play is performed, designed, and directed primarily by University students and faculty.

"Jane" will be performed tonight and Saturday night at 8 p.m., with a discussion following each show. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for non-students, and can be purchased in advance at The Women's Center, 108A Hanna Hall. Passes will also be available at the door. Parents should be warned that "Jane" features adult situations.



Michael Baker BG News

**FINAL GOODBYE:** Soldiers Hance (left) and Berg gather in Norwalk, Ohio for a community send-off prior to their departure for Iraq.

## Locals ship out to war in Iraq

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rying a staff and flag, his duties while in Iraq will be to drive for Sergeant Smith. Hufford enlisted in the National Guard three years ago and this will be his first call of duty.

"Moral is high, were just ready to go and get our job done" Hufford said.

Hufford's father Staff Sergeant Hufford served in the first gulf war; he has since retired from the Airforce. Hufford's brother Jeremy just returned from Iraq.

He was also a specialist.

"It's kind-of a family thing now and were there for a good cause" Hufford said.

As the soldiers made their way throughout the halls prior to the ceremony family and friends laughed, smiled and wept. The sense of patriotism was so intense that emotions ran wild.

Saturday at 9 a.m. a parade will start from the Norwalk Armory on Rte.61 honoring the soldiers of the C-Company 612th Engineer Battalion.

## Fraternity returns to BG

Janell Kingsborough  
SENIOR REPORTER

After four years gone, the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity has made it back to the University campus.

The nationwide fraternity was closed down on the University campus in 1999 by its national headquarters for a violation of hazing policy and is making its return with vehemence.

The SAE's motto—"True Gentlemen making a comeback" with 1,500 BGSU brothers and an opening party on Homecoming weekend.

President of SAE, John Sideris believes homecoming weekend was a perfect time to make a comeback because it is a time of pride and spirit.

"Moving back to the campus gives back to the alumni that graduated from Bowling Green," Sideris said. "It gives them something to come back to and identify themselves with."

SAE is the largest fraternal organization in the U.S. that

started with five members in 1922. They live their lives by their creed of true gentlemen with the greatest respect for the alumni who have helped them come back to the University.

"Their [alumni] dedication and focus is appreciated by all of us," he said. "By the end of the year we hope to charter, and build a life lasting brotherhood with one another."

Treasurer of SAE, Matt Reising, also said he is very pleased with all the help SAE has received from the alumni and fellow members.

"We want to make this group all it can be in a classy manner," Reising said.

With a strong alumni system and lots of support, the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity has re-flourished with high expectations.

"It is an honor and privilege for me to be the president of such a fine group of men," Sideris said. "It is an honor for me to be a part of this bigger picture."

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## WHO RECOMMENDS VIRUS ALTERATION

An influential World Health Organization committee is sending shock waves through the scientific community with its recommendation that researchers be permitted to conduct genetic-engineering experiments with the smallpox virus. The idea is to combat a disease that is considered a bioterror threat.

## CAMPUS

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## Unaccounted keys raise concern

Janell Kingsborough  
SENIOR REPORTER

Too many non-issued building keys are traveling the University campus in the hands of many unknown.

Facilities Services have been in the process of updating records regarding keys issued to University employees and have found many instances of disregard for the approved University key ordering and

issuing policy.

Help desk consultant for Facilities Services, Sandy Tolbert, believes too many safety concerns have been created by this problem.

"When people allow other people to use their keys and not return them and when keys are stolen or lost with ID's, then we have to do emergency lock changes," Tolbert said.

According to the key issuing

policy, it is used for the security and benefit of everyone. The lock system and the University must be secure as possible and when any person leaves the University, all keys have to be returned to Facilities Services before receiving their final paycheck. Those that keep their keys can be subject to police action.

The biggest problem according to Tolbert is the transfer of

master keys, which is strictly forbidden.

Tolbert said that it is ideal for department secretaries only to order keys from Facilities and Services. The key issuing process would run more smoothly and securely.

"If people just followed the [key issuing] policy we would have less lock changes, and it would save the University money."

## get a life

The calendar of events is taken from  
<http://events.bgsu.edu/>

8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Design Exposition  
Models from the Architecture  
322 Course  
Union Galleries

9 a.m.

Ohio Music Teacher's  
Association Fall Conference  
Moore Musical Arts Center

10:15 p.m.

Movie: Anchorman  
Union Theater

8 p.m.

Space Dreams - Our Quest to  
Explore the Universe  
Multi-media show in the  
Planetarium, \$1 donation suggested,  
lasts approximately 1 hour.  
Planetarium Show is followed by stargazing in the  
Observatory if weather permits.  
112 Physical Sciences Lab Bldg.

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Ticket sales for Mr. Blu Magic,  
Sponsored by Zeta Phi Beta  
Union Lobby

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Food/Toy Drive, Sponsored by  
Zeta Phi Beta  
Union Lobby

10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Fund raising Raffle, Sponsored  
by Delta Sigma Pi's pledge class  
Union Lobby

11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Apollo Night Ticket Sales,  
Sponsored by BGSU Gospel  
Choir  
Union Lobby

11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

American Red Cross  
Bloodmobile  
Union Multipurpose Room

Noon - 3 p.m.

Army ROTC Recruitment Table  
Union Lobby

4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Education for Democracy  
Union 201

8 p.m.

A Cappella Choir and  
University Men's Chorus  
Kobacker Hall

8 p.m.

Jacob Ross, tenor & William  
Sparks, baritone  
Jacob Ross and William Sparks,  
students of Professor David  
Okerlund, will be presenting  
their senior degree recital.  
Event is free and open to the  
public  
Room 1040, Choral Rehearsal  
Hall

8 p.m.

Erin Rogers, saxophone  
Bryan Recital Hall

## Educators for Democracy to meet in Union

By Brian Scullin  
REPORTER

Education around the world will be in the spotlight Friday afternoon as a number of University departments host a conference discussing the various efforts being made to bring democracy to all people across the globe, notably through the classroom.

The Conference on Education for Democracy, which will take place from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in 201 Union, will include a number of experts and professors, many of them from the University, who all have their own expertise and experiences about different regions where democracy is being promoted.

Professor Glen Biglaiser, political scientist at the University and one of the scheduled speakers at the conference.

"I think it will be interesting to understand people from different cultures, how they perceive us, perceive democracy and why democracy is something we should value," he said.

The two headline speakers, James Mayfield and Williamson

Evers, will both give their insights as to their roles in building democracy in the country of Iraq.

Mayfield, emeritus professor from the University of Utah, took part in the one-year effort to build democracy in Iraq. With the aid of the United States Agency for International Development, Mayfield was responsible for setting up a number of local democratic governments in order to help the Iraqi people achieve sovereignty.

Evers also served in Iraq and was the former senior advisor for education to Ambassador Paul Bremer of the Coalition Provisional Authority.

He was an education policy adviser for George W. Bush during his presidential campaign in 2000. He later served under President Bush taking a number of different roles within the White House and the Department of Education.

The other speakers at the conference will delve into how democracy and educating

about it has progressed in other areas across the world and this country.

"All the people that are going to be talking at the conference have been on the ground in these places," explains Professor Alden Craddock of the School of Teaching and Learning. He is one of the experts scheduled to speak at the conference.

"Their not just talking about something they read about. They have worked there and worked with people in these places," Craddock said.

Craddock, also the director of the International Democratic Education Institute at the University, describes some of the problems or misunderstandings that have hampered democracy from taking a stronger hold throughout the world.

"I think the biggest thing many educators and even students have a hard time understanding is to learn democracy, you have to be democratic,"

he said. "Classrooms have to be democratic. Teachers have to use democratic methods. In many places in the world, that is not very well understood."

The professor also expressed his concern about how the democratic process takes place in educational setting here on campus and in the United States and how the conference can prove insightful for students.

"The interesting thing I think for students will be that they will hear these speakers say, 'If we want to be a good democracy and want to learn about democracy you have to be active in your classroom.' And I'm not sure very many students on this campus have active classrooms," he said.

"Students have to demand it," Craddock said. Demand their professors engage them more and have more learning experiences that are connected to the real world versus just standing and delivering a lecture."

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*"While it contains violence and profanity, these are not shown in a gratuitous manner."*

Republican Sen. John McCain (Ariz.), in a statement on some ABC affiliates which were nervous in airing the movie "Saving Private Ryan" in honor of Veterans Day. The stations are citing reasons based on the movie's graphic nature. (Reuters)

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## OPINION

## STAFF EDITORIAL

## Participate, donate for Blood Bowl

Want to beat Toledo? Want to help save a life at the same time?

Give blood.

The Blood Bowl is a friendly competition between us and the University of Toledo. Whichever university donates more pints of blood is awarded a trophy during the annual football game on Nov. 23.

The past two years of Blood Bowl competition have resulted in BGSU victories.

This year, in the third year of existence, the competition will

## YOU DECIDE

Have you donated blood? Do you have a message to those afraid of donating? Send an E-mail to [thenews@bgnews.com](mailto:thenews@bgnews.com) and tell us what you think, or post feedback on our Web site.

be much fiercer, as Toledo most likely wants to win at least once. In this case, competition helps everyone.

The Red Cross constantly asks

volunteers to donate blood. Hats off to their hard work. However, their work will be for naught if the students of BG — and Toledo — choose not to participate.

Granted, there are several restrictions that will prevent people from donating, such as those who recently had tattoos or piercings done. People should not donate if they are not feeling well. They also can't give if they have contracted a sexually-transmitted disease.

Isn't it ironic that BG, dubbed

the STD capital of Ohio, has beaten Toledo both times previously?

If you are in good health, there is no reason for you to avoid this opportunity.

The Red Cross staff is well-trained in not only ensuring a safe procedure but will also reassure donors that there is no need to worry about the process.

Donors will receive a free T-shirt. They will also be fed for free. If that's not enough incentive, then they will have the satisfaction of donating a rare substance

that will help save a life.

The blood you give? Your body will regenerate that, by the way.

For those on the fence on donating blood, the BG News urges those individuals to head down to the Multipurpose room in the Union today sometime

between 11 a.m. until 5 p.m.

The goals set by the Red Cross and both universities cannot be met without your help.

For more information on donating guidelines, visit [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) and click on the link "Give Blood."

Send us your letters to the editor.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Share success with BG football's graduating seniors this weekend

I want again to take the opportunity to thank all of you for your support of BGSU football over the years.

This Saturday will be another special day for all of this with the program as we celebrate our annual Senior Day when we host Marshall at Noon. The fifteen young men who will play at "the Doyt" for the last time have a chance to do something that has never been done in the storied history of our program. With one win in the final two games, BGSU will have posted eight wins or more in a season for four consecutive years. Just as significant is the fact that their 35-11 mark in four seasons is currently the best of any graduating senior class in the MAC.

I hope you will join us and celebrate their success. With a #26 national ranking in last week's ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll, the Falcons are on the verge of being in a major Top 25 poll for the third straight year. This home game is critical as it is played before a national TV audience (ESPN Game Plan), and the result for each team will be significant as both teams are in contention for MAC divisional titles, MAC bowl bids and additional available at-large bowl bids.

There is no greater thrill for our players then to see the support of its campus community from the time it arrives to the stadium until the final gun.

I recall with great fondness the atmosphere that you provided in our games a year ago against Northern Illinois, Toledo and Miami, and I am hopeful we can recapture that same energy this coming weekend.

GREGG BRANDON  
HEAD FOOTBALL COACH

## Come out, cheer on football in final home game against Marshall

This Saturday at noon, one of the biggest games in the history of BGSU football will be taking place.

The Marshall Thundering Herd will be making their final appearance at the Doyt as a member of the Mid American Conference, and a Falcon victory will deny them a chance at a MAC title on their way out. We will also be working our way towards a bowl bid for the second year in a row (something BGSU hasn't done since 1992).

Perhaps more importantly, though, this will also be the final home game for the 2004 Falcon Football seniors. These 15 young men have helped to rebuild our football program to the point where we are currently one of the premier programs in the MAC and are perennially among the top 25 programs in the nation. These seniors have played four years at BGSU that have seen our football team post a record of 35-11.

The bottom line is this conference, this team and these seniors need and deserve our support. This Saturday, make it a point to be at the Doyt and be there early! There will be free t-shirts for

students, free thunder sticks and many other promotions that will make for a great time.

As a student leader I can not stress enough how much your attendance will mean to our student athletes and our university. Make every effort possible to be at this game and join the Orange Onslaught (wear as much orange as possible!). Together we can help the Falcons to victory over the Herd and help to spread the word about BGSU's outstanding athletic and academic programs through a great student showing. See you at the game and GO BG!

MATTHEW W. CLEVER  
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT TRUSTEE

## Gymnastics, swimming teams not mentioned in Winter Sports Preview

In Wednesday's BG News it was impressive to see the Winter Sports Preview, an entire separate section. But only one thing was wrong: You were missing two teams! Gymnastics and (my sport) swimming.

There were three sentences in the entire eight-page section about Winter sports that covered swimming. Swimming is a sport that is looked over by much of the University. We practice early in the morning to accommodate other sports in the weight room and go to lift at 5:30 a.m. twice a week. We practice over 10 times a week and swim more miles in a week then students could count on their hands!

The swimming program the hardest working sports team on campus, and I think it is about time to show us some respect! Yes, I understand we don't bring in as much money or entertainment at basketball and hockey but give the students information about us and maybe we can start!

This is the second year I have been here and not once have I read a good article about swimming or seen swimming in a winter sports preview.

We have two meets this weekend, one against our rival Toledo and the other against Eastern Michigan. Both meets are at the Rec Center, yet students only know hockey is playing in Nebraska this weekend.

I hear the football coach speaking about how they need more fans, as if 15,000 isn't enough. We are lucky if we get 15 fans ... that aren't our parents!

I think the BG News need to respect all sports equally, not just swimming but remember gymnastics also! And next time your paper does write something about our program make sure they get all their stats right and not just copy it from the athletic home page! We practice twice a day. It wouldn't be hard for the journalist to come and interview a coach or swimmer sometime during the week!

Swimming got 3rd in the MAC last year. Do you have any idea what we are predicted to get this year or how much our program has moved up in the past few years? Learn your Falcon sports and teach us all equally!

CAROLINE KEATING  
WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

## BLOOD DONORS

## ON THE STREET

What was your biggest fear of giving blood?



AMY HATFIELD  
SOPHOMORE, MARKETING  
"I hate needles and passing out."



ANDREW HONNERT  
FRESHMAN, INTEGRATED  
SOCIAL STUDIES  
"I didn't really have any. I just come in knowing I'm doing something good."



JOEL ALLEN  
JUNIOR,  
EARLY CHILDHOOD ED.  
"I've done it many times, so I didn't have any."



DANIEL RICHARDSON  
FRESHMAN,  
MIDDLE CHILDHOOD ED.  
"I don't like foreign objects puncturing my body and taking fluid."

## All citizens hurt by new marriage laws

Protecting the institution of marriage in Ohio is a crock.

While it is supposed to uphold the integrity of marriage in context to the Holy Bible's prescription of a union between a man and a woman, this new far right creation hurts Ohio's economy while contradicting the dogma from which it originates.

Issue 1 was put on the Nov. 2 ballot in Ohio to attract close-minded Christians and outright bigots to the polls for the Bush campaign. This was a short term solution by Karl Rove to counteract the young vote that was cultivated to defeat Team Bush. Certain Republicans in the Ohio Congress are now raking in the promised compensation for their aid in retaining the presidency for their party by drafting this debacle.

This amendment uses homosexuals as scapegoats for a right wing agenda that employs the Christian religion only for exploitation purposes — to justify their arrogant and destructive policies. Ohio's obtuseness outdoes a handful of states that have decided to rattle the advancements of the Civil Rights Movement and represents the country with a collective mentality that regresses fifty years.

Of the Issue 1 proponents that could read, many probably didn't even notice the part that says, "This state and its political subdivisions shall not create or recognize a legal status for relationships of unmarried individuals that intends to approximate the design, qualities, significance or effect of marriage."

This basically says that common-law marriage will not be recognized by the State of Ohio. Senior citizens who are without surviving relatives cannot merge long-term with non-romantic partners to become decision makers for each other in cases of sickness or death. Lovers of any sex who do not wish to rush into marriage will now be forced to get married or be void of financial benefits and legal influence over each other's well-being.

So it seems as though Christians want non-homosexuals to get married in a nice little church somewhere. Why? Because people might be — oh wait, I don't want to say it ... having sex before marriage!

Having sex without recognition by the State of Ohio? Why I never!

I am positive the almighty and pure President Bush never fornicated before his union with that



JED HERRINGTON  
Incoherent Rantings

*"The problem with marriage is that people get divorced. Will that 50 percent divorce rate go down or up?"*

embodiment of wit, chastity and good looks, Laura Bush. It's just not possible.

The problem with marriage is that people get divorced. The divorce rate in the United States of America is around 50 percent. So, with the pressure on for couples engaged in a leisurely non-formal relationship to "get hitched," will they wed in full confidence of perpetual stability? Will that 50 percent go down or up? It's obvious that this will generate the dynamic of more marriages ending in divorce, and according to the good ole' B.I.B.L.E., that's a sin.

Ohio, already an economically depressed state, will now feel the ramifications of passing the broadest ban on legal recognition of civil unions. Unknown to some Ohioans, there are many homosexuals besides actors and musicians that generate high levels of commerce. Do you think successful homosexuals with influence on stable facets of industry will want to stay in or move to Ohio? Will progressives that cultivate new ideas and invention want to live here?

Oh yeah that's right, you don't care. Screw the hippies, screw the homos, screw Europe, screw the Iraqis. Screw everybody that doesn't embrace a judgmental Jesus. Viva Bush!

This issue seemed to bring out the worst in some people. Why should anyone care whether or not homosexuals can be wed and receive legal recognition as a couple? This seems contradictory because it is the conservatives that claim wanting to keep government out of people's lives. This amendment doesn't seem to match up with the doctrine of "mind your own business!"

You can just hear the rhetoric of many of the issue's wonderful proponents on their way to the polls: "Oh, man I don't want no f\*\*\*ing f\*\*\*\*\* getting married!"

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# Repent your evil Explorer ways, bow down to Firefox

The light of good has shone on my eyes and washed away my previous sins. I hereby recant my previously evil ways and vow to convert those who live in the darkness.

Internet Explorer is evil. Firefox is my redeemer.

The Mozilla browser recently released Firefox 1.0 as a smart alternative to PC users plagued with problems suffered through Microsoft's behemoth browser, Internet Explorer.

While IE is prominent on all the PC's at BG, the on-campus computers are well protected by network administrators.

Your home computer is not that safe, you heathen. Why?

Internet Explorer implements a program called ActiveX, which conveniently downloads software onto your computer for the purposes of playing Internet games, for example.

Unfortunately, spammers and spyware engineers are using that ActiveX technology to place their goodies onto your hard drive, enervating your precious memory. Windows XP's Service Pack 2 helps remedy this problem somewhat, but not everyone uses XP (most Windows users have older versions).

Advantage: spyware. And the devil.

Spyware is the hot topic of computer health. Viruses, while dangerous, are well protected by all walks of software. (Heck, even the Amish laugh at people whose computers catch viruses or worms.)

Spyware is the most feared and undesired cyber-pest. It installs itself on your computer, which not only deteriorates the speed of your computer, but is a pain to find, delete and keep off a computer.

Chances are your computer ailments stem from using a substandard browser. In fact,



MATT SUSSMAN

Opinion Editor

IE's security problems will make you scream "IE" in a spastic Spanglish fashion. ("IEEEE!")

Microsoft's security and management product manager Ben English claims that IE is just as susceptible to bad men as Firefox, despite the commonality of IE. (Since 1999, 95 percent of all Web surfers used IE.) "I don't think that Internet

Explorer is any less secure than any other browser out there," English told CNet News.

With such a stranglehold on the market, spam harvesters and spyware developers are smart enough to know that targeting Explorer is more profitable than targeting Mozilla, based solely on sheer numbers.

Most other Web browsers — including the saviors of the market (Firefox and Opera) — don't use ActiveX. Opera's chief technology officer Hakon Wium Lie, told USA Today, "We've been anti-ActiveX since day one. It is very hard to limit some really nasty things, while keeping the good things."

Lawdy lawdy, praise Hakon. Most acclaimed technology magazines will report on how Internet Explorer is inferior to newer browsers. Macintosh users can use an Apple-made browser called Safari, but it is not available for PC usage. This is why the option of Firefox or Opera will be a breath of fresh air for the techno-savvy prodigal son.

The masses are beginning to see the same light I experienced. WebSideStory, a company that analyzes the Web, has noticed a slight decline in IE usage for five straight months

## DOWNLOAD BROWSERS

Mozilla Firefox can be found at [www.getfirefox.com](http://www.getfirefox.com).

Opera can be obtained at [www.opera.com](http://www.opera.com).

— this humble section editor being one of the latest converts. And how glorious the change is. Hallelujah!

Several keyboard shortcuts of IE and Firefox are the same. Users can import their bookmarked Web pages.

One of the spiffiest features of Mozilla and Firefox is tabbed browsing. Instead of opening a page in a new window, which all browsers handle, Firefox allows you to open a page in a new tab. All tabs are aligned at the top of the browser, and it's not only a geek's wildest dream, but a handy-dandy feature for casual users.

Simply said, the transition from Internet Explorer to Mozilla is simpler than figuring out why you shouldn't watch "Nanny 911."

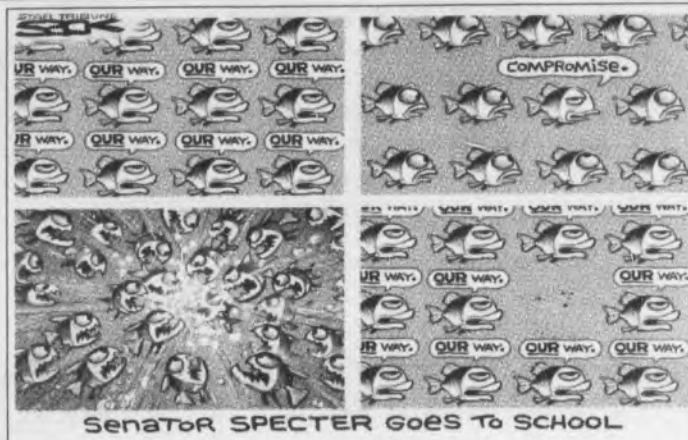
Its lack of ActiveX is just one of many awe-inspiring facets of being heralded as a secure browser. (To speak of them would require you to date a computer science major to understand the jargon, and I won't put you through such hell.)

As a former IE sinner, I was wandering in the desert being stuck with BonziBuddies and other decadent spyware on my precious computer. I had strange toolbars appear in my browser. I was exposed to advertisements promising erotic chat with young girls. My computer was choking to death on its own bytes. One night, down on my luck and unable to keep the pop-ups down, I shouted out, "IEEEEE!"

And my voice was heard by Mozilla.

Oh, Firefox, please mend my shameful ways. Can I get an amen?

E-mail Matt with comments at [msussma@bgsu.edu](mailto:msussma@bgsu.edu).



## How to be proficient at AIM

There is a little yellow man in the corner of my computer screen who keeps me from doing my homework at night. He beckons me to click him, and this siren's call cannot go unheard. AOL Instant Messenger is ruining my life.

In order to be proficient at instant messaging one must not only be familiar with an obscure set of acronyms but must also be able to compensate for a conversational communication form devoid of body language and tone. Although I lack these skills, I persist in taking down my away message and chatting in cyberspace.

Before one can properly converse online, he or she must at least understand, if not speak, a bevy of different acronyms. BRB, LOL, TTYL and JK are just a few of abbreviations that need to be comprehended at a

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moments notice — nothing is more embarrassing than having to ask what something means.

Aside from vocabulary, there is also etiquette involved in IMing.

For instance, never leave your computer without putting up your away message; someone might think you are ignoring them.

The primary obstacle is there is no tone or body language involved in instant messaging, so it is easy for a message that was meant to be a joke to be taken seriously and things that were meant to be seriously taken as a joke. There are a few ways to fight this confusion.

Always follow a sarcastic

or funny statement with JK or HAHA. This lets the reader know your intent. Occasionally you may say something serious that you wish you hadn't, you may also follow these statements with JK or HAHA and hope the recipient falls for it.

Never, under any situation, make an attempt at humor without qualifying your statement with the given acronyms. The reader will always take you seriously in which case an awkward situation will ensue.

Smiley faces should also be used sparingly. The winking one is a little suggestive.

The most difficult thing about AIM, which I have yet to understand, is when to stop. A simple click of the mouse to see who is online can result in two hours lost. Where did they go? I can't imagine, but I do know the little yellow man has gotten me again.

E-mail Jed with comments at [jaherri@bgsu.edu](mailto:jaherri@bgsu.edu).

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## FALLUJAH FIGHTERS TRY TO ESCAPE CORDON

Insurgents tried to break through the U.S. cordon surrounding Fallujah on Thursday as American forces launched an offensive against concentrations of militants in the south of the city. Some 600 insurgents, 18 U.S. troops and five Iraqi soldiers have been killed in the four-day assault, the U.S. military said.

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## Arafat dies at age 75, leaders named

## Outpouring of grief among Palestinians for Arafat, new Palestinian leaders named.

By Ravi Nessman  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Palestinians at home and abroad wept, waved flags and burned tires yesterday in an eruption of grief at the death of Yasser Arafat, the man they consider the father of their nation. The quick appointment of successors did little to dispel the huge question marks now hanging over Mideast peace efforts.

Although Arafat's death at 75 led some world leaders to talk about the possibility of a new era, the outlook was also shadowed by fears of a chaotic transition and a strengthening of Islamic militants.

The burial arrangements in themselves showed how disrupted the region is. The international funeral was to be held in Egypt, because few Arab leaders would travel to Israeli-controlled Palestinian land; Arafat was to be buried in the West Bank town of Ramallah because Israel refused to approve interment in Jerusalem; and most mourners from the Gaza Strip would be barred from traveling across Israeli territory to Ramallah, a security official said.

Workers in Cairo scrambled to lay new carpet and mow the lawn at a small mosque near the airport where dozens of foreign dignitaries will honor the Palestinian leader in a modest ceremony Friday morning, before Arafat's body is flown to Ramallah for a burial service.

In France, where Arafat died before dawn Thursday after 13 nights in a Paris military

hospital, eight pallbearers carried his flag-draped coffin past an honor guard Thursday evening as a military band played the French and Palestinian national anthems and a Chopin funeral march.

Arafat's widow, Suha, stifled sobs as the coffin was transferred from a French military helicopter to the official French airplane heading to Egypt.

Though it had been expected for several days as he fell into a coma, Arafat's death stunned Palestinians and left them wondering who could possibly replace their leader of the last four decades.

Arafat had not anointed a successor, but within hours the Palestine Liberation Organization elected former Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas to replace him as its new chief, virtually ensuring he takes over as Palestinian leader, at least for now.

The Palestinian legislature also swore in Speaker Rauhi Fattouh as caretaker president of the Palestinian Authority, the self-ruling power in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, though that position will likely have far less power than when Arafat held it. Fattouh is to serve for 60 days until elections can be held, though the law may be amended to allow parliament to choose the new president.

Thousands of Palestinians flooded the streets, many

weeping and clutching Arafat's photo. Even members of the Hamas and Islamic Jihad militant groups, often critical of Arafat, mourned his death.

Safra Hassan gave birth to twin boys in Gaza a few hours after Arafat died and said she was naming them Yasser and Arafat. "I'm so proud that the name of Yasser Arafat will be in my house every day, just as the name of Yasser Arafat will be in every Palestinian house forever," she said.

Black smoke from burning tires rose across the Gaza Strip and gunmen fired symbolic volleys into the air. At Arafat's battered Ramallah compound where he will be buried, flags flew at half staff. The radio played somber music, church bells in the partly Christian city rang out, and Quranic verses were played for hours over mosque loudspeakers.

By last night, though, the mourning had given way to subdued candlelight vigils.

The Palestinian Cabinet declared 40 days of mourning, and the Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades in Gaza, a militant group linked to Arafat's Fatah movement and responsible for many suicide bombings in Israel, changed its name to the Martyr Yasser Arafat Brigades.

Palestinian refugees scattered in neighboring countries, for whom Arafat symbolized the dreams of returning to their homes in Israel, marched shouting "Death to Israel" and "We will return to Palestine." Some burned



**REMEMBRANCE:** Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's security are seen surrounded by portraits of Arafat at the late leader's compound in the West Bank town of Ramallah, yesterday.

American and Israeli flags.

"It feels like I lost a father and a good friend," said 55-year-old Mohammed Sbeiha in Jordan.

Though Israel sealed the West Bank and Gaza Strip and increased security at Jewish settlements, the mourning occasionally turned to violence as Palestinians threw rocks at Israeli cars and soldiers responded with tear gas and rubber-coated bullets, the army said.

Palestinians from across the West Bank will be allowed to attend the burial, but only a select official group will be let in from Gaza, according to a security official who asked to remain anonymous. Palestinian forces will be responsible for security inside Ramallah, but Israel will ring the city with troops.

The Palestinians originally insisted Arafat be buried in Jerusalem in the Al Aqsa Mosque compound, Islam's third holiest shrine, built on the hill

worshipped by Jews as the site of the biblical Jewish temples.

Israel refused, fearing it would strengthen the Palestinians' claims to a city they envision as a capital of a future Palestinian state.

The Palestinians eventually agreed to lay Arafat to rest at his compound, the Muqata, battered and strewn with rubble from repeated Israeli raids. They will line his grave with soil from Al Aqsa, said Ahmed Ghneim, a Fatah leader, and bury him in a bare concrete box so he can be reinterred in Jerusalem whenever possible.

Meanwhile, Egypt prepared a funeral at a military club near Cairo's international airport. Security was at maximum around the airport and plainclothes officers were stationed at apartment buildings, mosques, and Cairo's main train station.

Egypt, the first Arab country to sign a peace treaty with Israel, has

been mediating between Israel and the Palestinians in the four years of violence that broke out when the last Israeli peace talks with Arafat collapsed.

Even as his funeral was being prepared, some leaders saw opportunity. Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said Arafat's passing "could be a historic turning point for the Middle East" and President Bush called it "a significant moment in Palestinian history."

But both Sharon and Abbas, the new Palestinian chief, face severe pressures from their own hardliners, and as is often the case in the Middle East, the first question is who is obligated to make the first move in the post-Arafat era. Israel is sure to be pressed for gestures to boost Abbas' credibility, while Israeli Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom says the new Palestinian leadership "will have to prove itself" before a peace process can go forward.

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## get a life

calendar of events

### FRIDAY

10 p.m.  
**Drama Club**  
Easy Street Cafe

10 p.m.  
**The Huge World Project**  
Nate & Wally's

10:15 p.m.  
**UAO Movie:**  
**Anchorman**  
Union Theater

### SATURDAY

9 p.m.  
**Jazz Night**  
Easy Street Cafe

10 p.m.  
**The Shantee:**  
**LAST SHOW EVER!**  
Howard's Club H

### SUNDAY

9:30 p.m.  
**UAO Movie:**  
**Anchorman**  
Union Theater

9 p.m.  
**Last Comic Standing**  
Black Swamp Pub

### MONDAY

**Euchre Night**  
Easy Street Cafe

10 p.m.  
**DJ Kehoe**  
Nate & Wally's

### TUESDAY

9 p.m.  
**Comedy Night:**  
**Erika Edwards**  
**Mike Green**  
Easy Street Cafe

**Karaoke Night**  
Nate & Wally's

6 p.m.  
**How 2 Workshop:**  
**Photo Book Making**  
316 Union

9:30 p.m.  
**UAO Movie:**  
**Van Helsing**  
Union Theater

### WEDNESDAY

10 p.m.  
**Vinny**  
Easy Street Cafe

10 p.m.  
**Jerry Sprague**  
Nate & Wally's

### THURSDAY

7 p.m.  
**Texas Hold Em Tournament**  
Union Falcon's Nest

10 p.m.  
**Subtle Car Crash**  
**PB Army**  
**Modern Soviet Enemies**  
Easy Street Cafe

10 p.m.  
**DJ Diamond D Lee**  
Nate & Wally's



## Celebrated writers featured at festival

Julie Restivo  
PULSE WRITER

The "Mid-American Review" is inviting all writers to help them celebrate their craft during their Winter Wheat Festival of Writing.

This Saturday, from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the Bowen Thompson Student Union, many distinguished visiting writers and editors are participating in the festival.

Event co-coordinator, Karen Craigo, is encouraging students to join the fun on Saturday. "I hope that anyone at BGSU who has an interest in creative writing will attend the Winter Wheat festival, because I'm sure all who attend will leave with more ideas than they know what to do with! I always do," Craigo said.

The session leaders at this year's Winter Wheat Festival include award-winning poets and fiction writers and nationally recognized editors. In addition to featured readers Carl Phillips and Allison Joseph, presenters include J. David Stevens, a widely published short story writer, Katrina Vandenberg, author of the forthcoming poetry collection, "Atlas," Tom Noyes, author of "Behold Faith and Other Stories," and many more.

Also in conjunction with this festival featured readers will be presenting a reading at 7 p.m. on Friday.

"I am really excited about our featured readers," Craigo said. "They are all great writers at varying points in their careers."

This is the fourth-year that "The Mid-American Review" has hosted this festival. Craigo said that they are figuring on about 150 attendees.

"We grow every year, this year's crowd will be almost double the number we hosted last year."

Returning from the festival in 2002, Paul Many will be attending as part of the young adult panel. Many is the author of several books including, "My Life, Take Two."

The Young Adult panel will also include a current graduate student, Erik Eskilsen, who has two young adult novels.

"I know of no other events that are designed with both the very new beginner and the serious professional in mind, and I'm pretty proud of that. Winter Wheat is special in that regard, and I'm pretty proud of what the festival has become," Craigo said.

## The Shantee closes book on nine-year career

By Hillary Bonner  
GUEST REPORTER

Many people understand the feeling of losing something close to the heart. Whether a piece of jewelry or a point in time, the loss of a good thing can never be completely reconciled.

This weekend, a handful of music fans in Bowling Green will witness the last of a great band's live music.

The Shantee, a Columbus-based band that has graced the stage at Howard's Club H with its presence many times, has announced they will disband

in December.

Their music, labeled the "feel-good music of the year" by many dedicated fans, brings songs of love and life to the ears of its listeners who have multiplied in number over the past nine years.

Many of their songs demand environmental awareness, respect for other's, cherishing one's friends and loved ones and realizing the importance of loving life and living it well.

The Shantee projects thoughtful lyrics through happy harmonies, complex jams and upbeat rhythms that are known to keep

their crowds dancing.

The Shantee formed in 1995, at Denison University in Granville, Ohio where bassist Ward Scott, guitarist and lead vocalist Mike Perkins, lead guitarist Matt Morton and former keyboardist Randy Browne—who came into the band the following year—met and began playing music together.

In 1999, Shane Frye joined The Shantee as the band's fourth drummer. The band knew Frye from playing the Columbus circuit during their summer vacations.

Many new developments have erupted in the following years for The Shantee.

They brought a new keyboardist into the band in November of 2003 and placed in Relix magazine's best song competition with Perkins' dynamic original entitled "Brontosaurus," a song demanding respect for the environment of the future.

The Shantee played throughout Ohio for nine years, and now it's time for them to say goodbye to the people and places they have come to know as a band.

"It's been a great run," said bass

player Ward Scott, "It's time to move on and do other things with our lives."

The Shantee became a regular fixture in Bowling Green over the years with quarterly appearances at Howard's, located at 210 N. Main St. in downtown BG.

The band built its fan base here through consistent visits and a driven group of fans who continued to bring their friends.

"Bowling Green is one of the most fun, strongest towns we play on our regular circuit," said Scott. "We're sad to be playing

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## DVDs vend like snacks with Union machine

By Rachel Bobak  
ASSISTANT PULSE EDITOR

If you're sick of running to the video store, a new convenience has appeared at the Union. Large computer rental machines are now the new craze in renting DVDs.

These machines are sitting in the Union lounge by the computer lab and the Black Swamp Pub.

"We're testing the location," Terry Richardson, owner of Blowing Green Entertainment, Inc. said. "It's a convenient location. It should work well with all the traffic."

Richardson, finance professor of the University, is testing the area to figure out if the machines will prosper business.

There are approximately 10 to 12 thousand students that pass by that area. "People will rent if they know about it," he said.

"We need to collect data and generate a certain volume. We need to figure all that out," he said. "That's what the testing phase is all about."

As of Friday last week when it arrived, the movies cost \$99. Although the price will change to \$2.50 for new releases next week, the older movies will stay \$99.

The DVD machine only accepts credit and debit cards, like Mastercard, Visa and American Express. An ID is not necessary, because the machine will remember the credit card.

If a movie is late then it will charge the credit card the



Matthew Sussman BG News

**DVD RENTAL:** Here is an easy and convenient way to rent movies.

same price every day it is late. The movies are due within 24 hours of rental. If a movie is not returned within a certain amount of time, the movie will be sold to the renter.

The machines are touch screens. There are different categories/genres to choose from. Once a category is chosen, it has a limited amount of movies. Choose a movie and it will spit out.

The DVD disc will slowly come out from under the screen. The disc does not arrive in a box. There are sleeves to slip the disc into when ready to go.

Return the movie by sliding the credit card and pressing return. Slip the disc, with the label facing the right, back in. Even if the disc is not put in correctly, the machine will send an e-mail to Richardson to inform him.

The machines spin the DVDs like a carousel. Richardson said the machines are similar to CD changers.

If the disc ends up scratched or it does not work in a DVD player, just call (419) 372-4357. Someone will be able to help.

The prices and rental periods will change once next week comes around.

Richardson hopes to make the spot in the Union permanent. "I decided to give it a shot," he said. "You don't need bricks and mortar for it." Not driving to go get a movie can be convenient for people who live on campus. And for any cheap college student, who enjoys watching movies, will be in lower prices than any rental video store.

Jen Paglio was at the machine renting "Starsky and Hutch." "I would come here because it's cheaper," she said.

Richardson also plans on selling DVDs at the machines once the movies become one or two months old. He would put up some for \$10.

"Anything we do in a video store, we try and do here," Richardson said.

## Pics sought for prizes

By Matt Manning  
PULSE REPORTER

Gather your favorite photograph that you have taken because the International Library of Photography is holding the International Open Amateur Photography Contest. 1,300 prizes that will be offered.

The IOAPC is not only open to photography students, but anyone with a passion for taking pictures that are unforgettable.

This is a contest for photographers who want their talents to be seen, and for those who want to see their talents awarded for over \$60,000 in cash prizes.

"Everyone has at least one memorable photo that captures a special moment in time," contest director, Christina Baylon said. "When people learn about our free photography contest, they suddenly realize that their own favorite photos can win cash prizes, as well as gain

national exposure."

The categories for the contest include: People, Travel, Pets, Children, Sports, Nature, Action, Humor, Portraiture, or Other.

To enter your portrait must be a color or black-and-white print, and an 8"x10" dimension or smaller. Your entry must include the photographer's name, address, category, and title of the piece on the back of the photograph.

The photographs must be sent to: The International Library of Photography, Suite 101-3941, 3600 Crondall Lane, Owings Mills, MD 21117.

The annual grand prize for these contests is \$10,000, and the grand prize for individual contest is \$1,000.

"In the last ten years we have awarded over \$150,000 to talented amateurs, many of whom has never before entered any type of artistic competition,"

a member of the ILP, Jeffrey Bryan said.

If interested, your entries must be postmarked by November 30, 2004, or you can submit your entry directly with the ILP online at [www.pictures.com](http://www.pictures.com). Many of the pieces that are received in the contest will be considered for publication. "Entries that exhibit a unique perspective or artistic vision are advanced to the semifinalists in the contest," according to the ILP. "We review thousands of entries each of which is evaluated by our selection committee."

For more information, check out the site where you can view over a million amateur artists or see the winning pieces over the last few years. The ILP holds a new contest once a month for prizes and publication; you can apply for any of these monthly contests at their website, [www.pictures.com](http://www.pictures.com).

## 'Express' director scores

By Michael Siebenaler  
PULSE REPORTER

Grade: A  
Director Robert Zemeckis ("Forrest Gump," "Castaway") incorporates a new system of performance capture animation into the new film "The Polar Express."

Tom Hanks takes on several memorable roles including the time-keeping conductor who provides special guidance for three special children on a magical journey.

Zemeckis and his co-writer William Broyles Jr. ("Apollo 13," TV's "China Beach") don't concentrate on character names, so the audience gets more involved in the story, which is based on the book of the same name written by Chris Van Allsburg.

The plot centers on a cautious boy, a caring girl, a know-it-all boy and younger boy named Billy.

Filmmakers combine expert film techniques with the almost seamless special effects to create immense environments as the Polar Express train chugs toward

the North Pole.

The plot includes many dangers (Flat Top Tunnel Glacier Gulch and a thrilling ice sequence) and delights (details of Santa's operations and skydiving elves).

Zemeckis takes full advantage of the animated medium by utilizing special camera shots that would normally be almost impossible.

Zemeckis also incorporates "arrow-like" tracking shots through keyholes and the train cabin to great effect.

You may see more subtle touches in repeated viewing (e.g. watch the snowman closely as the boy leaves his house on the train).

Don Burgess ("Contact" "Spider-Man") and Robert Presley provide crisp, clear cinematography while Alan Silvestri ("Back To the Future") produces another amazing musical score (he has composed over 100 in his career).

Emotional themes reflecting genuine care, love and humanity make this film an instant classic.

## Shatners delight as part of comedy event at union pub

By Dan Myers  
PULSE REPORTER

The lighting is dim in the Black Swamp Pub but when "The Plastic Shatners" get on stage, their comedy shines.

The Plastic Shatners, an improvisational skit-based comedy team, kept the crowd laughing Wednesday night with situations both ridiculous and risqué.

They performed skits similar to those on ABC's "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" such as "silly superheroes" and "dating game."

"Silly superheroes" involves four on-stage comedians who use absurd superpowers, such as "helicopter man" and "meat vision man," to deal with a situation. In last night's case, their situation was the cows of the world becoming angry and revolting against humanity.

"We have to do something! The cows are getting really mad!" helicopter man shouted to meat vision man, who replied, "What am I supposed to do? All I can do is see them!"

The unique name of this group, who are made up of 18 current and former University students was thought up by one of its founders.

"I came up with it when we were going to meetings [in the beginning]," said Matt Robinson, a member of the Shatners. One of the group's founding members did great William Shatner impressions, inspiring Robinson to create the name. "Plastic was thrown in for something silly," Robinson said.

The Plastic Shatners began in 1999, first performing at Latinopalooza.

Initially, they were not as successful as they are today.

John Hildebrand, director of the group, recalled one of the Shatners' first performances at Easy Street's open mic night.

"It was a complete and utter failure," Hildebrand said with a grin. "People were going up to the [club's] bouncer and saying, 'I want my cover back!'"

The Shatners appeared as part of the Pub's Wednesday special programming lineup.

Lesley McRae, Union Programs Graduate Assistant, booked the Shatners after hearing about their other performances on campus.

"I like comedy a lot so I thought it would be fun," she said. "They're a little bit risqué at times but they're pretty funny."

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our last show there this weekend.

The Shantee will bid farewell to Bowling Green tomorrow night at 10 p.m. at Howard's Club H. Their final show will take place at The Newport Music Hall on High Street in Columbus on December 17.

## DECEMBER GRADS!

Get your senior portrait taken at the

*graduation*  
**FAIR**

**Thursday, November 18**  
**10 a.m. - 7 p.m.**

Bowen-Thompson Student Union  
Multi-Purpose Room, 2nd floor

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### BRIEFING

#### Women's soccer faces Ohio State

After winning the Mid-American Conference title last weekend, the Bowling Green women's soccer team will participate in their first NCAA tournament in Columbus this evening.

The Falcons will meet No. 6 seed Ohio State at 7 p.m. at Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium.

The winner of the game will face the winner of a match between Michigan and Detroit-Mercy Sunday at 1 p.m.

#### No laughing matter: Rugby gets roughed up by Michigan

By James Kuper  
GUEST REPORTER

All the laughter died in sorrow on Sunday as the Bowling Green rugby team was edged by Michigan 15-3 in the final of the Midwest Regional of the National Collegiate Rugby Championship. The loss means that the Falcon ruggers will not be going to the national championship next spring for the first time in this century.

BG defeated the University of Northern Iowa on Saturday in a wild match, that the Falcons won 41-34 over the Panthers in the regional semi-final while Michigan.

"There is going to be a period of mourning," BG head coach Roger Mazzarella said. "When you are focused on the one goal that is the hardest to attain, everyone tends to forget everything else that was accomplished. This team won the MAC for the 23rd time, tagged two opponents with 100 point losses and made it to the Midwest finals, all after losing two-thirds of the first XV to graduation. I'd say that is a pretty nice list of goals that WERE met."

Nonetheless, the loss will leave a bitter taste in the mouths of a team that had to claw their way back into the thick of the race after a mid-season loss to Indiana.

Playing Northern Iowa for the first time ever, BG jumped out to a 27-5 lead at halftime only to have to hold off a massive Panther offensive in the second half. Wing Matt Johnston did

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## Hockey skates into Omaha

By Kevin Shields  
SENIOR REPORTER

The suspension of the seven players is over and now the Falcon hockey team is back to full strength as they get ready to go out to Nebraska-Omaha to face the Mavericks.

After getting a win and tie against Notre Dame this past weekend, the Falcons are up to 19 in the USCHO/CSTV Division 1 online poll. The highest ranking the team has seen since 1997 when they were 17.

Omaha is right behind them though at 20 and off to 5-3-0 start after going 8-26-5 a year ago.

They're coming off two losses at Alaska-Fairbanks, but are a team that head coach Scott Paluch knows is much improved. "They're as much improved as any team in our league right now," Paluch said. "They have more balance than they did last year throughout their lineup. A year ago, their offense relied on two or three players, where as this year they're getting a lot of good contributions from a lot of different guys. It's another league contest for us that'll have four big points on the line."

Leading the scoring this year for the Mavericks is forward Scott Parse. Through eight games, he has put up 12 points on four goals and eight assists.

"He (Parse) had a terrific freshman year last year," Paluch said. "He's a guy that really understands the offensive zone, he's opportunistic and he knows how to score. He's just a very good all around offensive player."

Other big contributors for the Mavericks have been forwards Bill Thomas and Dan Hacker. Thomas has 11 points on five goals and six assists, where as Hacker has three goals with five assists.



Mike Metzger BG News

**FIGHTING FOR IT:** Jonathan Matsumoto attempts to win a face-off against a Notre Dame player on November 4. As a freshmen, Matsumoto leads the Falcons in scoring with six points on the season.

In net, Chris Holt has started every game this season and has been one of the top net-minders in the league. His goals against average is 2.87 with a save percentage of .904.

For the Falcons, Jordan Sigalek has also started every game this season. He made 80 saves on 85 shots this past weekend against the Irish to bring his goal against average to 1.97 on the year with a save percentage of .944.

Four players got their first goals on the season this past weekend in a weekend where BG scored seven goals. James Unger, John Mazzei, Dana Hanson and Alex Foster all recorded their first goals of the year against Notre Dame.

"Getting seven on the weekend was big," Paluch said. "Yet we still don't understand how hard we have to work to get those goals. I thought we did a good job in both games of

getting ourselves opportunities to shoot. We got a lot more people to the net and really took advantage of rebounds. We know that'll be the key week in and week out with the type of goaltenders we'll face in the league."

With all the suspended players back this week, the practices have been more competitive with guys fighting for positions in the lineup. Only 18 players of the 24 on the roster can dress

each game.

"We had this the first two weeks of the season," Paluch said. "There'll be competition for different spots on lines, for lineup spots and key roles on the team now much like at the beginning of the year. That's all a positive thing. The more guys you got competing for certain roles is a great situation."

Jonathan Matsumoto continues to lead the team in scoring with six points. He has recorded three goals and three assists this season, including an assist on Thursday night in 3-1 win.

Right behind him is Mazzei, who has recorded five points on the year with a goal and four assists.

The freshmen continue to be the top contributors and Mazzei accredits that to him and his teammates coming together as a team.

"I think a lot of people doubted us the past two weekends with a lot of seniors and juniors out of the lineup, but we continue to come together as a team," Mazzei said. "If we can keep our numbers up and with the guys coming back this weekend we should only get stronger. This weekend we'll all come together again and hopefully pull out four points on the weekend."

The Falcons may be short-handed a player this weekend as defenseman Jon Sitko remains day-to-day with an ankle contusion. He left the game at Notre Dame on Friday in the first period and didn't return.

BG and Omaha will drop the puck at the Qwest Center tonight and tomorrow night at 8:05 p.m. Radio broadcasts can be heard on WPFX (107.7 FM) tonight and tomorrow night on WBGU (88.1 FM). Andy Evans will be doing play-by-play each night.

## Showdown at the Doyt

By Adam Hritzak  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The matchup is perfect for a big game down the stretch of a season. It is the kind of battle that players get pumped up for and fans pack the stadium to see. Number one versus number one.

The Marshall Herd bring their top ranked defense in the Mid-American Conference to Doyt Perry Stadium Saturday, posing the most difficult challenge in conference play for a Bowling Green offense that is tops in the MAC in several categories.

BG head coach Gregg Brandon believes the setting for this game alone is enough to have his players playing at their top-level.

"Any red-blooded American football player doesn't need too much of a pep talk for this one," he said. "If he does, he doesn't have a pulse."

As the Falcons lead the conference in scoring, passing offense and total offense, the Herd lead defensively in scoring, passing, rushing, and total defense. Two powerhouses will collide to see which team's

strength is the strongest.

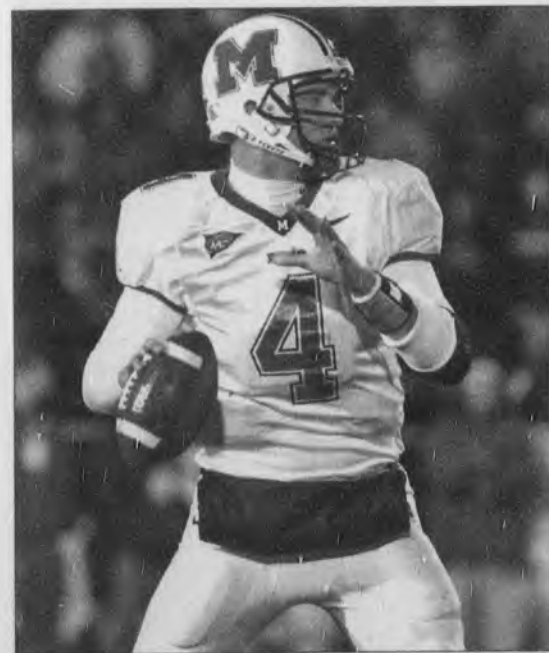
Marshall's defense is led by two top-notch defensive ends. Jonath Goddard will be the Falcon's most important player to slow down as he leads the team with 12.5 sacks and leads the conference with five forced fumbles and 23.5 tackles for loss. Jamus Martin lines up at the other end position and has recorded seven sacks. The duos pressure on the quarterback from the outside has helped their defense force 21 turnovers on the season.

"Their defense is very quick and active," Brandon said. "They're hard to block. Goddard's an outstanding pass rusher, good football player." "(Brandon) challenged the offensive line as well as myself to try to duplicate what we did against Western (Michigan)," said running back PJ. Pope.

Defensive back Chris Royal has picked off six passes this season, which leads the MAC, for an experienced secondary that does not give up big plays. Strong safety Curtis Keyes is the Herd's leading tackler with 76 on the year, while recording two interceptions and 4.5 tackles for loss.

BG will need to protect quarterback Omar Jacobs, which they have done all year, allowing only seven sacks this season. Marshall brings a lot of pressure, but that will not force the Falcons to change their attack.

"The only time we're going to break off our routes is if they come with the blitz, with more guys than we can block," said wide receiver Cole Magner. "Oklahoma didn't sack (Omar)."



Randy Snyder AP Photo

**LOOKING DEEP:** Marshall quarterback Stan Hill looks for an open wide receiver during the first half against Akron last Friday.



Ben Swanger BG News

**PERFECT FORM:** Bowling Green senior Susie Schoenberger looks ahead while making contact during the BGSU Invitational in late September.

## Tennis ready to fly again

By Matt Hawkins  
SPORTS REPORTER

After more than a month off, the BG tennis team wraps up its fall season this weekend in State College, PA at the Penn State Fall Classic.

The two-day, three-team event will be the first action for the Falcons since they swept Wayne State 7-0 on October 7.

"It's been forever since we've played a competition," Falcon head coach Penny Dean said. "It's really been hard to stay focused this entire time but

there was excitement to practice this week. Everybody is looking forward to competing against someone besides ourselves."

Yet the amount of competition this weekend is much less than the Falcons expected. Besides BG, only Akron and host Penn State are participating.

"We thought we were going to be there for three days and then we find out we're playing all day Friday and just one doubles match Saturday morning and that's it," sophomore Ashley Jakupcin said.

But even with fewer teams it won't be that easy for the Falcons. Senior Susie Schoenberger said the biggest challenge will be facing Big Ten opponent Penn State.

"This weekend will be pretty tough," Schoenberger said. "Obviously playing Penn State; we've never played them before."

However, the Falcons believe they have the confidence to compete with the Nittany Lions squad.

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# Home matches loom large for BG

Volleyball looks to secure a home game for MAC Tournament with wins over Marshall and Buffalo

By Jason A. Dixon  
SENIOR REPORTER

Here's where the difference is most acute.

One year ago today the Bowling Green State volleyball team was losing a five-game heartbreaker to Akron inside Anderson Arena, which culminated a tumultuous 12-21 regular season before losing to Eastern Michigan in the Mid-American Conference Tournament just days later.

Now the Falcons, having won two of three last three games, enter into the final weekend of the regular season 15-12 with a 7-7 MAC record, and in pursuit of two victories over Marshall and Buffalo at Anderson Arena.

"It feels really good to be winning after last season," sophomore Chrissy Gothke said. "I think everyone knows how important these games are for us and we're going to try and get both wins."

BGSU currently sits in sixth place with Miami, Northern Illinois and Kent State all one game behind in the loss column. The Toledo Rockets are two games behind at 5-9.

The Falcons have defeated both NIU and UT twice this season, but Miami and KSU own the tie-breaker.

The top three seeds in the MAC receive a bye week when the MAC Tournament begins on Nov. 16, leaving seeds 4-8 hosting home games which makes this weekend's matchups that much more important Gothke said.

"We know anything can happen, but our focus is on beating Marshall and Buffalo," she said. "We know both games are going to be tough, but we are pretty

confident heading into both games."

Tonight's 7 p.m. tilt with the Thundering Herd will be the first meeting of the year between the two teams.

MU (19-9, 10-) is led by freshman Kelly-Anne Billingsly, who is second in the MAC averaging 5.58 and hitting .314 on the season.

Amber Sims is second on the team averaging 2.84 and Katie Stein leads the Thundering Herd in assists with 1,294.

Head coach Denise Van De Walle said MU will be a tough game for the Falcons.

"They're probably coming into this game feeling they have to win, like everyone is at this point in the season," she said. "They're very athletic and they're very well coached."

The Buffalo University Bulls are 8-19 and 1-13 in the MAC, but snapped a 14-game winning streak against Miami last Saturday.

The Bulls are led by Nikki Morzenti, who is one of four players averaging at least 2.26 kills, with 2.97 per game.

BGSU is coming off a four-set win over Oakland on Wednesday, a victory in which the Falcons proved to be abundantly efficient, according to Van De Walle.

"That was a good win for us ... It's always good to rack up wins to build your confidence," she said.

A win over either Marshall or Buffalo tomorrow at 7 p.m. could secure a home game to open the tournament, depending on how the team's below BGSU perform this weekend.

But Van De Walle said it's always better to control your own destiny.

"We know that everyone's jockeying for position and every match is going to be important," she said. "We're working hard and we feel pretty good about our chances going into these games."

## BG SPORTS PICK OF THE WEEK

This week Pulse Editor Sean Corp jumps into the mix to show these so called "sports experts" how to make accurate guesses at college football games.



ELLIOTT SCHREINER



ADAM HRITZAK



MIKE METZGER



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Marshall at Bowling Green		Score	38-14 BG	31-20 BG	42-10 BG	34-17 BG
BOWLING GREEN 10 FAVORITE		Rant	BG's first tough home game is tough until they get up on the Herd by 14 early.	Falcon's offense is unstoppable at this point and the Herd can't score quick.	The turds are going down as part of their going away present to C-USA!	BG will win, but it will be closer than it has any right to be.
Northwestern at No. 9 Michigan		Score	33-14 Michigan	28-20 Michigan	38-9 Michigan	21-3 Michigan
MICHIGAN 13 FAVORITE		Rant	Northwestern slows down Mike Hart as he gains 188 yards and three touchdowns.	Henne and Hart will keep rolling as the most clutch freshmen in the nation.	Michigan will be enjoying the smell of roses. Just give it time.	Michigan wins because Northwestern still stinks.
Ohio State at Purdue		Score	21-13 Ohio State	27-14 Purdue	24-14 Purdue	33-10 Purdue
OHIO STATE 4 FAVORITE		Rant	Purdue can't snap their losing streak against Ohio State, can they?	At least the Bucks can roll home with their rented Caddie's and cash.	I hate the Buckeyes and everyone knows this. They just won't win again.	OSU puts a nail in its own coffin with a loss to Purdue.
No. 4 Wisconsin at Michigan State		Score	24-21 MSU	28-27 MSU	54-7 MSU	28-24 MSU
WISCONSIN 8 FAVORITE		Rant	Time to whittle down the national title hopefuls, see ya later Badgers.	I'm amazed Wisconsin has made it this far, but they're due.	Every Michigan fan should be cheering for the staters. Let's go Spartans!	Spartans finally win a close one. Its about time.
No. 5 Georgia at No. 3 Auburn		Score	14-10 Georgia	20-17 Auburn	20-10 Georgia	17-14 Auburn
AUBURN 4.5 FAVORITE		Rant	The Cadillac gets reduced to a Gremlin in this one.	The Tigers haven't let me down all year and they own the SEC.	Ever seen what an upset bulldog can do to the inside of a Cadillac?	Defensive struggle goes down to the end with Auburn prevailing.
No. 17 Miami (FL) at No. 11 Virginia		Score	28-17 Virginia	45-21 Miami	31-16 Virginia	36-10 Virginia
VIRGINIA 3.5 FAVORITE		Rant	A three game losing streak in Miami? At least they have Shaq this year.	Canes will come back to life somehow, plus I don't see much in UVA.	It seems to be that the hurricanes have past. A losing streak is a reality.	The Miami collapse continues with another big loss.

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## Men's basketball insider: Signings solidify future

By Andrew Hemminger  
GUEST REPORTER

Wednesday was the first day that high school basketball players were allowed by the NCAA to sign a national letter of intent with the team of their choosing. Four quality young men signed with the Falcons and I sat down to talk with coach Artie Pepelea on not only our 2005 signees, but our current freshman as well. Coach 'P' gives some really good insight to our players and below is a transcript of our conversation.

Q: Describe the status of our current freshman.

A: "Our freshman, with Scott (Vandermeer) and 'Moon' (Perrick Robinson, Jr.) in particular and Mawel (Soler), the kids that we signed, I think are like any new guys where they are going through a learning process. They are trying to get what we do and the pace that we play. The one good thing with them is that we have not had to talk them about the pace of their play, which really is something that you have to do with a lot of new players. Last year it was a problem but with these guys it has not been. They just need to mentally get on the same page as our upperclassman. 'Moon' has a really tough responsibility playing the point guard position and really having to talk on the floor. Scott needs to understand that he is not just out there to hang out. He needs to be a more dominant type player and that is hard for a lot of freshman. Mawel plays extremely hard and has experience in college basketball as a junior-college transfer (Coffeyville). Mawel just needs to understand how to play the right way while also playing smart and he has been in the office

everyday trying to get those things down.

Q: Talk a little bit about our recent signees for the 2005-2006 season.

A: Erik Marschall

"He is a scoring talent that scores in a variety of different ways. Being that his dad is his high school coach he really has a good understanding of playing basketball and the intricacies that it takes to be a good player doing different things on the court."

Lionel Sullivan

"A tough working blue-collar type of player that doesn't necessarily think he is going to out talent you but is going to out-tough and out-work you. And he has a pretty good combination of talent to go with that."

Nick Wilson

"He is a very athletic kid. Nick is very defensive minded being 6-5 and 195 pounds and is very long, so that is a good combination to have as well. And he has really good upside to his offense. He isn't necessarily developed now, but it is something that can really come along as his college career progresses."

Jeremy Holland

"A very skilled 6'8" kid that can play all over the court. A tremendous three point shooter who can handle the ball, play everywhere and is a very motion offense oriented player."

REMINDER: Coach Dakich and the Falcons will be holding an open scrimmage Saturday morning at 9:30 to all at no cost. Students, stop over before going tailgating at the Doyt and check out the newest version of the Orange and Brown.

## Women's basketball ready for Ohio State

By Elliott Schreiner  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Bowling Green women's basketball team has a daunting task ahead of them tonight.

The team will be facing No. 9 Ohio State in the Preseason Women's National Invitational in what is arguably the Falcons' biggest season-opening game to date.

The Falcons are coming off a 21-10 season that saw them roll to the Mid-American Conference Championship game after finishing second in the MAC West at an 11-5 clip.

The Buckeyes are coming into the year with similar results from last season, finishing the year 21-10 and 11-5 in the Big Ten.

"It's exciting for us and nerve-racking," BG head coach Curt Miller said. "It's definitely a great opportunity for us."

The beginning of that talent needed to compete with the best in the nation starts with guard Caitly Matter, who averaged a team-best 14.8 points per game last year while being named second team All-Big Ten. Just as dangerous is 6-4

post player Jessica Davenport, who averaged 12.5 points per game and 5.7 rebounds per game en route to winning the Big Ten's freshman of the year award. They are just two of nine letterwinners that return for a team that is expected to win the Big Ten this season.

"It's the first time since I've been here that we are playing a legitimate Final Four team," Miller said. "they have a lot of you need to win a national title."

The tournament is held annually and features 16 teams from Division I. A team can only participate once every four years and each conference can send just one team. To say getting invited to the tournament is a rarity for even the best of teams is an understatement.

"It's a great honor when you're invited," Miller said. "They take a look at up and coming programs from around the nation."

But the Falcons aren't planning on being flattered by the opportunity to play a team like the Buckeyes in a tournament

like the WNIT because they have some weapons of their own.

Forward Ali Mann is coming off a campaign that saw her average 12.9 points and 7.9 rebounds per game while winning the Mid-American Conference's Freshman of the year award. Fellow sophomore Liz Honegger scored 10.2 per game and averaged 7.5 boards per contest.

They aren't alone.

Carin Horne (7.3 ppg), Megan Thorburn (6.8 ppg), Kelly Kapferer (4.4 ppg), and Tene Lewis (1.5 apg) each played key roles in bringing the Falcons back to the top of the MAC last year.

"There's a lot of excitement around the program," Miller said. "There's a lot of youthful talent in the program that bears well for our future."

Action starts at 7 p.m. at Value City Arena in Columbus. If the Falcons win, they will play Sunday. There is a chance the game will be held at Anderson Arena if an upset happens on the other side of the bracket.

## Disappointment abounds

RUGBY, FROM PAGE 9

most of the damage as he literally manufactured three tries on recovered fumbles and blocked kicks. Scrum half Vince Staropoli added BG's fourth try on a fumble recovery and fly half Derek Imes booted two conversions and a penalty field goal.

Wing Dave Demings got the second half going by taking a short swing pass and then motor-ing ninety nine yards for a new make for longest try in the Falcon record book.

"They were playing way back for the kick so I just took off," he said.

Staropoli added another try and Imes converted both before the Panthers nearly crashed the victory, scoring five tries as BG desperately tried to regain the lost momentum. A pancake tackle in the middle of the field by BG lock Aaron Slates ended UNI's last hope gave BG a narrow 41-34 victory.

The final was a chess match defensive struggle with neither team able to gain an upper hand

in ball possession. BG's Derek Imes drew first blood with a penalty field goal, but from then on the University of Michigan used its overwhelming size difference to power the ball downfield. The Wolverines spread three tries over the length of a match that ended with BG desperately trying to put the tying points on the board before the final whistle.

The Falcons end their fall season a very respectable 28-6 with plans to tour the South and Ireland next year in preparation for another run at the nationals.

## Tennis focused after time off

TENNIS, FROM PAGE 9

"We have a lot more confidence than we did last year," Jakupcin said. "I think all of us this year have played so well and our confidence level has risen a big step which in tennis is huge."

But with over a month off between matches, other aspects may affect the Falcons performance.

"On Friday everybody will play two singles matches and a doubles match," Dean said. "It's been so long since we competed, so the concentration and focus plays a factor for that many matches. I just think that much intensity in one day will be hard."

Dean also said even though there are no team scores kept, the tournament is like a dual match where teams play each other all at once.

This tournament will also allow Dean to adjust her singles lineup one last time before the dual-match season begins in January.

"I'm going to play different people at the top of the lineup against the two teams and see how we do," Dean said. "This kind of tournament actually gives me the opportunity to do that."

No matter how tough it may be, the Falcons are just ready to play again after the long layoff.

"We're really excited," Jakupcin said. "I mean it's our last tournament of the fall so we're ready to go."

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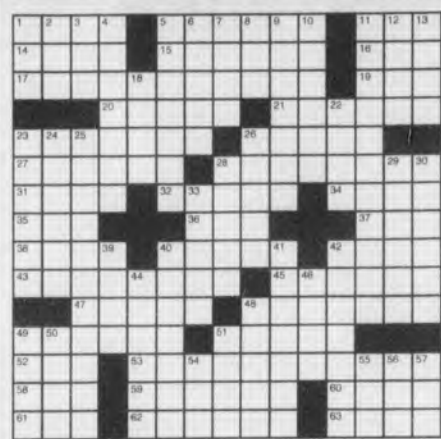
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